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SUBJ: GRAND POUBARA DAM PROJECT

REF: LIBREVILLE 0362; STATE 042379 AND 048502

1. DISCUSSED WITH PRESIDENT TODAY MARCH 14 VISITS OF DE SPEVILLE (KAISER ENGINEERING) AND GERALD BLANC (CHARLES MAIN CONSULTING ENGINEERS). PRESIDENT HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM (SEPARATELY) MARCH 20. AS THERE IS OUTSIDE CHANCE THAT APPOINTMENT MIGHT SLIP TO MARCH 21, THEY SHOULD PLAN TO STAY FOR THOSE TWO DAYS.

2. UNFORTUNATELY, MINISTERS RAWIRI AND MOUKAMBI DEPARTED LIBREVILLE THIS MORNING FOR UNSCHEDULED TRIP TO KUWAIT ON LAST MINUTE INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRESIDENT. NEITHER WILL, THEREFORE, BE IN LIBREVILLE DURING VISITS OF DE SPEVILLE AND BLANC. I DISCUSSED THIS WITH RAWIRI YESTERDAY WHO REGRETTED VERY MUCH THAT HE WOULD NOT BE HERE AT TIME HE HAD SUGGESTED DE SPEVILLE AND BLANC COME TO GABON AND SIAD HE WOULD LEAVE WORD WITH MINISTER MOUVAGHA AT PRESIDENCY TO ARRANGE SUITABLE CONTACTS FOR THEM WHILE THERE.

3. ALTHOUGH UNFORTUNATE THAT RAWIRI AND MOUKAMBI WILL NOT BE HERE, BELIEVE THAT SINCE THEY WILL BE ABLE TO SEE PRESIDENT BONGO THIS BY FAR MOST IMPORTANT
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CONTACT THEY COULD HOPE TO MAKE HERE, AND MOUBAGHA

CAN BE COUNTED ON TO ARRANGE OTHER CONTACTS.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT PASSING ON ABOVE
TO MSSRS. BLANC AND DE SPEVILLE AND ADVISING EMBASSY ETA OF
BLANC AND DE SPEVILLE.

5. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.
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